# *ACTS AND LAWS*

MADE and paſſed by the General Court or Aſſembly of His Majeſty's Engliſh Colony of *CONNECTICUT*, in *NEW-ENGLAND*, in *AMERICA*; holden at NEW-HAVEN, in ſaid Colony, on the ſecond Thurſday of *October*, in the Thirteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, KING of GREAT-BRITAIN, *&c. Annoq. Domini*, 1773.

## An Act for conſtituting, regulating, and governing a public Goal or Work-Houſe, in the Copper Mines in *Symſbury*, and for the Puniſhment of certain atrocious Crimes and Felonies.

*BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Repreſentatives, in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame*, That the ſubterraneous Caverns and Buildings in the Copper Mines in *Symſbury*, lately purchaſed and erected by Order of the General Aſſembly, with ſuch other Buildings as may hereafter be erected and made in ſaid Caverns, or on the Surface of the Earth, at or near the Mouth of the ſame, ſhall be, and they are hereby conſtituted and made a public Goal and Work-Houſe, for the Uſe of this Colony, and ſhall be called and named *New-Gate Priſon*, and ſhall be kept and maintained in good and ſufficient Repair, at the Expence of this Colony.

The ſubterraneous Caverns in *Symſbury* Mines, to be improved for a Goal and Work-Houſe.

Perſons to govern ſaid Goal or Work-Houſe, how appointed.

That there ſhall be a Maſter or Keeper, and Three Overſeers of ſaid Goal or Work-Houſe, nominated and appointed, from Time to Time, as there may be Occaſion, by the General Aſſembly; and in Caſe ſaid Maſter or Keeper ſhall die, reſign, or become unable, by Sickneſs or otherwiſe, to exerciſe ſaid Office, the Overſeers for the Time being, may appoint another Maſter thereof; who ſhall hold and exerciſe ſaid Office until the next Seſſion of ſaid Aſſembly.

Perſons ſent to ſaid Goal by Authority, to be received and kept to Labour.

That the Maſter or Keeper of ſaid Goal, ſhall receive into the ſame all ſuch Perſons as ſhall be ſent there by Warrant from lawful Authority, by Virtue of this Act; and ſhall keep them to ſuch Labour as they ſhall be capable of, for ſuch Time as they ſhall be ſentenced and ordered to remain therein, and may puniſh them by putting Fetters and Shackles upon them, and by moderate Whipping, not exceeding Ten Stripes, for any one Offence; which Puniſhment may be inflicted in Caſe they be ſtubborn, diſorderly, or idle, and do not well and faithfully perform their Task, as they ſhall be reaſonably ſtinted and required; or in Caſe they ſhall not ſubmit to, and obſerve ſuch Rules and Orders as ſhall be from Time to Time made and eſtabliſhed, for the well ordering and governing the ſame.

The Maſter to render Account of the Earnings of Priſoners.

And ſaid Maſter or Keeper ſhall, from Time to Time, on requeſt of the Overſeers, render his Account to them of the Wages and Earnings of ſuch Priſoners, or of any Perſons hired or employed to Work in ſaid Mines; and pay and deliver to ſaid Overſeers the Amount of ſaid Wages and Earnings.

Overſeers to provide for the Priſoners.

*Be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That the Overſeers of ſaid Goal or Work-Houſe, for the Time being, ſhall provide for ſuch Priſoners neceſſary and ſuitable Food and Cloathing, and alſo ſuch Tools, Implements, and Materials as ſhall be proper for employing and keeping ſuch Priſoners to Work; and ſhall alſo provide for the Relief of any ſick or weak Priſoner; and, if need be, may procure and hire one or more Skilful Miner or Miners, to inſtruct and aſſiſt ſaid Priſoners in their Work, and ſhall be paid for the ſame out of the Wages and Earnings of ſaid Priſoners and hired Men, if the ſame be ſufficient, and if not the Surplus ſhall be paid out of the Colony Treaſury.

And

And the ſaid Overſeers ſhall keep true and exact Accounts of the Food and Cloathing, Tools, Implements, and Materials they ſhall furniſh for the Uſe of ſaid Priſoners, and of the Wages of the hired Men aforeſaid, and of all Expences for ſuch ſick or weak Priſoners, and alſo of the Wages and Earings of ſuch Priſoners and hired Men; and ſhall annually in *May*, adjuſt and ſettle ſaid Accounts with ſuch Auditors as ſaid Aſſembly ſhall appoint, and oftner if they ſhall be thereto required. And ſaid Overſeers, for the Time being, ſhall and may, and they are hereby authorized and impowered to make neceſſary Rules and Orders, from Time to Time, as they ſhall find expedient, for the ruling, governing, and puniſhing ſuch Perſons as are committed there; and ſuch Rules and Orders ſhall be of Force, and ſhall be duly executed and performed.

Overſeers to keep Account of Expences, and annually adjuſt the ſame.

To make Rules, &c.

*Be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That ſuch Overſeers, and the Maſter of ſaid Goal and Work-Houſe, for their Care, Labour, and Service, ſhall be allowed ſuch reaſonable Satisfaction and Reward, as ſaid Aſſembly ſhall appoint; to be paid out of the Earnings of ſuch Priſoners and hired Men, if ſufficient, otherwiſe out of the Colony Treaſury.

Overſeers, &c. how rewarded.

And if the Maſter, or any Overſeer or Overſeers (for the Time being) of ſaid Goal, ſhall neglect or refuſe to Account as aforeſaid, or ſhall be otherwiſe negligent in his or their Duty, he or they ſhall be liable to ſuch Fine or Puniſhment as the General Aſſembly ſhall Order.

Negligent Overſeers how puniſhed.

*And be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That whoſoever ſhall commit Burglary, by breaking up any Dwelling-Houſe or Shop, wherein Goods, Wares, and Merchandize are kept, or ſhall rob any Perſon in the Field or Highway; or ſhall preſume to forge, counterfeit, or alter any of the Bills of Credit of this Colony, or of the Bills of Credit of any other of the Engliſh Colonies or Provinces on this Continent; or ſhall utter and put off any ſuch forged, altered, or counterfeit Bill or Bills, knowing them to be ſuch; or that ſhall counſel, adviſe, procure, or any ways aſſiſt in the forging, counterfeiting, imprinting, ſtamping, altering, or ſigning of any falſe, forged, and counterfeit Bill or Bills, knowing them to be ſuch; or that ſhall engrave any Plate, or make any Inſtrument to be uſed for

Crimes ſpecified, for the commiſſion of which Delinquents ſhall be committed.

for any of the Purpoſes aforeſaid; or that ſhall ſtamp, or any otherways counterfeit any of the ſeveral Sorts of Coin mentioned in an Act of Parliament made and paſſed in the ſixth Year of the Reign of Queen *ANNE*, entituled, *An Act for aſcertaining the Rates of foreign Coins in her Majeſty's Plantations in* America; or any other Species or Sorts of Gold or Silver Coins, currently paſſing in this Colony; or that ſhall utter and put off any ſuch counterfeit Coin or Coins, knowing the ſame to be baſe, falſe, and counterfeit; or that ſhall make any Inſtrument or Inſtruments for the counterfeting any of the Coins aforeſaid, or ſhall be aiding or aſſiſting therein; or that ſhall be Guilty of feloniouſly taking and ſtealing any Horſe or Horſes in this Colony, and ſhall be convicted of any, or either of ſaid Crimes, before any County or Superior Court, that ſhall have Cognizance thereof, ſuch Perſon or Perſons, ſo offending, ſhall for the firſt Offence, ſuffer Impriſonment in ſaid Goal and Work-Houſe, and there be kept to hard Labour for a Term, not exceeding Ten Years, at the Diſcretion of the Court before which ſuch Conviction ſhall be had.

Second Offence.

And if any ſuch Perſon ſhall commit the like Offence a ſecond Time, and be thereof convicted as aforeſaid, he or ſhe ſhall ſuffer Impriſonment in ſaid Goal and Work-Houſe, and there be kept to hard Labour as aforeſaid, for, and during the Term of his or her natural Life.

Perſons who have been convicted of certain Crimes, but eſcaped from Puniſhment, (when taken) to be ſent to ſaid Goal.

*Be it further enacted*, That any Perſon or Perſons who have been heretofore convicted of any of the aforeſaid Crimes, except that of Horſe-ſtealing, and have not received the Puniſhment or Confinement to which he or they have been, on ſuch Conviction, ſentenced, by having eſcaped, or otherwiſe avoided the ſame, without Licence of the Court, or this Aſſembly, on being or taken in this Colony, ſhall be by the Superior Court ſentenced and ſent to ſaid Priſon, in the ſame Manner, and under the ſame Regulations as Perſons who ſhall be hereafter convicted by Virtue of this Act; there to remain for ſuch Term as ſaid Court ſhall order and direct.

Second Offence of horſe-ſtealing.

*Provided nevertheleſs*, That any Perſon convicted of a ſecond Offence of Horſe-ſtealing, may be ſentenced to ſaid Priſon for a ſhorter Term than that of his natural Life, according

ding to the Direction of the Court, before whom ſuch Conviction is had; any Thing in this Act to the contrary notwithſtanding.

The Puniſhment contained in former Acts for theſe Crimes repealed—

*Be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That any Perſon or Perſons who ſhall be Guilty, and convicted of any of the aforeſaid Crimes, ſhall be puniſhed as in this Act is provided, and not otherwiſe; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding.

but their Penalties, Forfeitures and Diſabilities to remain.

*Provided alſo, and it is further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid*, That nothing this Act ſhall exempt, or be conſtrued to exempt, or diſcharge any Perſon or Perſons ſentenced by this Act, from any pecuniary Penalty, Forfeiture, or Diſabilities which ſuch Offender or Offenders are heretofore made liable to, by any of the Laws of this Colony.

## An Act for ſuppreſſing of Mountebanks.

*Preamble.*

*WHEREAS the Practice of Mountebanks, in dealing out and adminiſtering Phyſick and Medicine, of unknown Compoſition, indiſcriminately to any Perſons, whom they can, by fair Words induce to purchaſe and receive them, without duly conſulting, or Opportunity of duly conſulting and conſidering the Nature and Symptoms of the Diſorder for which, and the Conſtitution and Circumſtances of the Patient or Receiver, to whom they adminiſter, has a Tendency to injure and deſtroy the Health, Conſtitution and Lives of thoſe who receive and uſe ſuch Medicines.*

*And whereas the Practice of Mountebanks, in publicly advertiſing and giving Notice of their Skill and Ability to cure Diſeaſes, and the erecting public Stages and Places from whence to declaim to, and harangue the People on the Vertue and Efficacy of their Medicines; or to exhibit by Themſelves or their Dependants, any Plays, Tricks, Jugling or unprofitable Feats of uncommon Dexterity and Agility of Body, tends to draw together great Numbers of People, to the Corruption of Manners, promoting of Idleneſs, and the detriment of good Order and Religion, as well as to tempt and enſnare them to purchaſe ſuch unwholſome and oftentimes dangerous Drugs.*

No Mountebank, &c. publicly to exhibit, tricks, &c.

*BE it therefore enacted by the Governor, Council, and Repreſentatives, in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame,* That no Mountebank, or Perſon whatſoever under him, ſhall exhibit, or cauſe to be exhibited on any public Stage or Place whatſoever, within this Colony, any Games, Tricks, Plays, Jugling, or Feats of uncommon Dexterity and Agility of Body, tending to no good and uſeful Purpoſes, but tending to collect together Numbers of Spectators, and gratify vain or uſeleſs Curioſity.

Nor offer Phyſick for Sale,

Nor ſhall any Mountebank, or Perſon whatſoever under him, at or on any ſuch Stage or Place, offer, vend, or otherwiſe diſpoſe of, or invite any Perſons ſo collected, to purchaſe or receive any Phyſick, Drugs or Medicine recommended to be efficacious and uſeful in various Diſorders.

On Penalty of 20*l*.

*Be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid,* That if any Perſon or Perſons ſhall be guilty of any Breach of this Act, on Conviction thereof before any Court proper to try the ſame, every Perſon ſo offending, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Twenty Pounds*, for each and every ſuch Offence, for the Uſe of him who ſhall ſue for, and proſecute the ſame to Effect, and ſo *toties quoties*.

Informing Officers to make Preſentment.

*Be it further enacted by the Authority aforeſaid,* That it ſhall be the Duty of all informing Officers, to make Preſentment of all Breaches of this Act; in which Caſe the Fine ſhall belong to the Treaſury of the County wherein ſuch Conviction is had.

A proviſo.

*And it is further provided,* That if any Servant, or any Minor or Apprentice under Age, ſhall be guilty of breaking any Paragraph of this Act, on Conviction thereof, his or their Fine or Penalty ſhall be paid by the Parent, Maſter or Guardian, under whoſe Direction the ſame ſhall be committed or done; and Execution ſhall be awarded accordingly.

## An Act in Addition to an Act, entituled, *An Act for preventing and ſuppreſſing of Lotteries.*

*BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Repreſentatives, in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame,* That no Perſon ſhall, after the riſing of this Aſſembly, preſume to vend, ſell, or offer for Sale, within this Colony, any Ticket or Tickets in any Lottery or Lotteries, that are already, or may hereafter be ſet up, except ſuch as are, or may be authorized and approved of by the General Aſſembly of this Colony.

What Lottery Tickets may not be diſpoſed of.

And whoever ſhall preſume to vend, ſell, or offer for Sale, any Ticket or Tickets in any Lottery or Lotteries not authorized and approved of by this Aſſembly, and ſhall be thereof duly convicted, ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Forty Shillings*, for every Ticket ſold or offered for Sale; the one Half thereof to him or them that ſhall proſecute the ſame to Effect, and the other Half to the Treaſury of the Town where the Offence ſhall be committed.

On Penalty of 40s.

And all informing Officers are directed to make Preſentment of the Breaches of this Act.

Preſentment how made.

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## An Act appointing a Brand for Horſes in the Town of *Cornwall.*

*IT is ordered and enacted by this Aſſembly,* That the Brand for Horſes in the Town of *Cornwall,* ſhall be the Letter or Figure following, viz. C

Brand for horſes in *Cornwall.*

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